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SUBJECT: SWEDISH FNL CAMPAIGN AGAINST CAMBODIA BOMBING

SUMMARY: THE SWEDISH HANOI LOBBY (FNL), AFTER SEVERAL QUIET MONTHS, IS LAUNCHING NEW CAMPAIGN AGAINST CAMBODIA BOMBING, FEATURING A DEMONSTRATION ON AUG. 8. CAMPAIGN IMPETUS PROBABLY ARISES MORE LOCAL POLITICAL SITUATION THAN INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. END SUMMARY.

1. THE UNITED FNL GROUPS IN SWEDEN ANNOUNCED ON AUG 1. THE START OF A CAMPAIGN TO STOP AMERICAN BOMBINGS OF CAMBODIA. AS USUAL, THE CAMPAIGN WAS LABELED "THE LARGEST EVER" AND IS SCHEDULED TO PEAK ON AUGUST 15 - FOR OBVIOUS REASONS. A PROTEST DEMONSTRATION IS PLANNED FOR AUGUST 8 WHICH WILL START IN DOWNTOWN STOCKHOLM AT 7 PM FOLLOWED BY MARCH TO AMERICAN CHANCERY. POLICE EXPECT ABOUT 2,000. WE WILL KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH POLICE AND EXPECT USUAL ADEQUATE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS.

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2. RADIO SWEDEN HAS AFFORDED FNL CAMPAIGN GOOD PUBLICITY WITH EXTENSIVE FEATURE PROGRAMS AND INTERVIEWS ON CAMBODIA. UNITED FNL GROUP CHAIRMAN ULF MARTENSSON OUTLINED CAMPAIGN PLANS IN RADIO INTERVIEW. HE SAID THAT LETTERS HAD BEEN SENT TO THE POLITICAL PARTIES ASKING THEM TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE SITUATION IN CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM. HE SAID REPLIES WOULD BE SUMMARIZED IN A PAMPHLET TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO SWEDISH HOUSEHOLDS DURING AUGUST. MARTENSSON SAID THAT THE CAMPAIGN WAS NON-PARTISAN AND THAT FNL REPRESENTATIVES WOULD ATTEND VARIOUS ELECTION RALLIES AND ASK PARTY SPEAKERS TO GIVE THEIR OPINIONS ON THE SITUATION IN INDOCHINA. (SWEDEN HAS NATIONAL ELECTION SEPT 16.) THE PARTIES ARE INVITED TO ASSIST IN THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN, TO GIVE IT THE BROADEST POSSIBLE BASE.

3. THE STOCKHOLM FNL GROUP HAS ASKED PERMISSION TO SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS OUTSIDE THE POLLING PLACES IN STOCKHOLM ON ELECTION DAY. POLICE REJECTED THE FNL APPLICATION ON GROUNDS IT WOULD OVERCROWD POLLING AREAS AND RISK DUST-UPS WITH TRADITIONAL HELP-THE-HANDICAPPED ELCTION-DAY SOLICITATIONS. FNL BRANDED THE PLICE DECISION POLITICAL AND GOT SUPPORT FROM SWEDEN'S LARGEST DAILY, DAGENS NYHETER, WHICH IN A BRIEF EDITORIAL SUPPORTED THE FNL APPLICATION. THE PAPER ADVISED STOCKHOLM COUNTY AUTHORITIES TO SET ASIDE THE POLICE RULING. FNL SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IF PERMISSION WAS REFUSED THEY WOULD BE AROUND PASSING THE CUP ANYWAYS.

COMMENT: THIS CAMPAIGN FOLLOWS SEVERAL MONTHS OF RELATIVE INACTIVITY FOR THE UNITED FNL GROUPS, BROKEN ONLY BY A SMALL DEMONSTRATION ON JULY 4 (STOCKHOLM 2313). PRESENT CAMPAIGN PROBABLY HAS ITS GENESIS IN INTERNAL NEEDS OF FNL RATHER THAN IN OBJECTIVE DEVELOPMENTS ABROAD. FNL IS LOOKING FOR A CONTINUING RAISON D'DTRE AND SEEMS TO HAVE SEIZED ON THE CONJUNCTION OF THE CAMBODIA SITUATION AND THE OPENING OF SWEDEN'S DOMESTIC POLITICAL CAMPAIGN TO GET ITS FOLLOWING BACK IN THE STREETS AND IT NAME BACK IN THE PUBLIC EYE.

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